

Message from the Chief

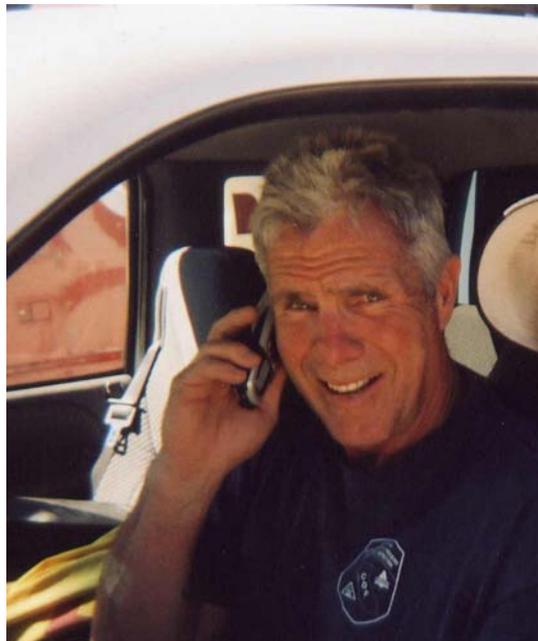
Chief's Memo – March 20, 2006

In Memory Of

My message will be short this week.

On Wednesday of this week I will be visiting Parlin Fork Conservation Camp and the family of Captain Patrick Henry. I will do the toughest job any fire chief has to do, express the condolences of our entire organization and deliver the California flag that was flown over the State Capitol to his wife, Michelle, and family.

As you know, Captain Henry died while on the job on March 13, 2006. His passing will affect the lives of many people who knew and loved him. My heartfelt condolences go out to Captain Henry's family and friends, as well as to his family here at CDF.



On Thursday, I will be visiting the family and friends of a former El Segundo fire marshal, Mary Eriksen-Rattan, and longtime personal friend who recently died of cancer.

It is at times like these that we should all remember the difference that people like these make in our lives, and how much they will be missed. To honor them I ask that you each take some time this week to tell someone who makes a difference in your life how much they mean to you. If you appreciate someone, tell him or her today. If you learned something from someone, tell him or her today. If you love someone, tell him or her today.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Grijalva". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Ruben Grijalva, Chief
Acting Director